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REMARKS

To provide applicants with the protection to which they are deemed entitled, claims 37-44 are added. Claims 5, 6, 9, 12, 24, 26, and 30 are canceled to minimize additional filing fees and to expedite prosecution. The cancellation of claims 26 and 30 is accompanied by combining the subject matter of with claims 25 and 28. Claims 3 and 34 have been amended for clarity.

The subject matter of claim 37 is found, *inter alia*, in paragraphs 0058, 0060 and 0073. Since none of the art of record is concerned with a method that is performed while a meeting is conducted, claim 37 and claims 38-44 that depend on claim 37 are allowable.

The subject matter of claim 38 is found in paragraph 0073.

The subject matter of claim 39 is found, *inter alia*, in paragraph 0054.

The subject matter of claim 40 is found, *inter alia*, in Figure 2 and the description thereof.

The subject matter of claim 41 is found, *inter alia*, in connection with server 58, Figure 3.

The subject matter of claims 42 and 43 is found in paragraph 0074.

The subject matter of claim 44 is found in Figure 2 and the description thereof in paragraph 0063.

Applicants traverse the rejection of independent claims 1 and 18 as being obvious as result of Sisodia et al., US patent publication 2003/0165128, in view of Nanja, US patent publication 2002/0107830 and further in view of Nahi et al., US patent 6,166,734. The office action admits Sisodia et al. fails to disclose the requirement of

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claim 1 for aggregating first and second data sets, and the similar requirement of claim 18 for a processor for aggregating first and second data sets. One of ordinary skill in the art would not have modified Sisodia et al. to include an aggregation feature as a result of the Nanja disclosure.

Sisodia et al. is concerned with providing information and data processing services by way of an access point data terminal device 101 positioned at a location accessible to a user transporting a portable computing device 105 that communicates with terminal device 101 by a short range communication link that can be an infrared link or a short range radio link or both. The access point is incorporated into or located near a display so that the display can interactively communicate with nearby portable computing devices; paragraph 0007.

Nanji discloses a processor based system 103 that aggregates data from plural web servers 105 that communicate with system 103 via the Internet 104 and supplies that aggregated data from the web servers to plural wireless units 101 for example, by way of Bluetooth links; see paragraph 0014. Hence, Nanji does not disclose the requirement of claims 1 and 18 for aggregating first and second data sets, wherein the first data set is passed from a first network element to a second network element over a short range wireless network via a short range wireless network connection and the second dataset is passed from the second network element to the first network element over the short range wireless network via a short range wireless network connection. Instead, system 103 aggregates data from plural web servers 105 that communicate with system 103 via the Internet. The Internet is a long-distance network that certainly cannot be considered as a short range wireless network. Consequently, the basis for

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relying on Nanji in the office action is not consistent with the language of claims 1 and 18, and claims 1 and 18 are not rendered obvious by the combination of references asserted against them in the office action.

The claims dependent upon claims 1 and 18 are allowable for the same reasons advanced for claims 1 and 18. In addition, several of these claims include features not disclosed by the art applied against them.

For example, claim 7 requires data to be passed between the first and second network elements through a third network element, which the office action equates to the Sisodia et al. access point 111. The office action relies on paragraph 0041 of Sisodia et al. for this feature. However, there is no indication in paragraph 0041 that the remote computer communicates with the access point by way of a short range wireless network.

The rejection of claim 7 is also incorrect because the position set forth in connection with claim 7 is contrary to the position set forth with regard to claim 1, upon which claim 7 depends. The analysis of claim 1 considers the wireless access point to be the second network element. The analysis of claim 7 considers the wireless access point to be the third network element. Because claim 7 depends on claim 1 contrary rationale cannot be used to reject the two claims. Because claim 8 depends on claim 7, the rejection of claim 8 is also incorrect.

The reliance on Sisodia et al., paragraph 46, to disclose the requirements of claim 10 to restrict access to some or all of the data stored on any of the network elements by any other of the network elements is incorrect. Paragraph 46 indicates campus server 111 is programmed to administer and monitor each of the access points

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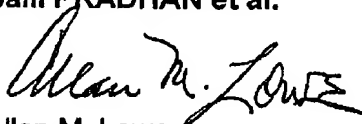
on the network and employs programs that use public-key cryptography to ensure secure transfer of data over insecure communication channels, to provide more secure communications with remote servers than conventional methods. Is not seen how this statement meets the requirements of claim 10. Explanation is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, allowance is in order.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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